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Calendar

Sat Nov 30	NO Farmers Market	Sat Dec 14	Farmers Market, 9 am- 1pm, Penn Place GIVES Collection 9-12 pm, PO Lobby
Sun Dec 1	Art at Penn Place, Nahid Tootoonchi, Artist reception, 3 - 5 pm, Penn Place GIVES Warm Coat Drive, Dec 1-14, PO Lobby	Sun Dec 15	GP Womens Club presents “Venus d Minor”, 4:30 pm, Town Hall
Thu Dec 5	Neighbors Helping Neighbors Meeting 10 am, Town Office		
Fri Dec 6	Holiday Sing Along, 7:30 pm, Town Hall		
Sat Dec 7	Farmers Market, 9am – 1pm, Penn Place Children’s Holiday Singalong with Maestro George Oakley, 3 pm, Town Hall, Santa comes to Garrett Park 3:45 pm		
Mon Dec 9	Town Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Town Hall	Wed Jan 1	Happy New Year! Town Office Closed
Tues Dec 10	Lunch Bunch, 12:30, Town Hall	Sat Jan 4	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place LARGE ITEM PICKUP
Fri Dec 13	Film Society presents <i>His Girl Friday</i> , Dinner at 7, Film at 8, Town Hall	Mon Jan 6	District 18 Delegates Town Hall Meeting, 7 – 8:30 pm, Town Hall
		Sat Jan 25	Town Dinner presented by the CA

Town Council Meeting Notes

The November Town Council meeting was lightly attended. After the usual approval of the agenda and minutes, the meeting turned to a number of action items. The SHA grant modification that was introduced last meeting was adopted. The next item was the appointment of Malcolm Russell-Einhorn to the archives committee which included a glowing summary of his qualifications by Mayor Kacky. Unfortunately, the appointment had to be delayed at the last minute to check the residency requirements for committees that are established by ordinance.

Next, Councilmembers Schulp and Bennett presented a detailed update on the small cell tower zoning amendment being proposed by the county (ZTA 19-

07). The amendment could adversely impact the town because permitting authority rests solely with the county and, more importantly, cell towers can be approved in large batches. This means that a single permit could cover most of the town, bypassing the evaluation of individual placements. Mark Elrich and three county councilmembers are opposed to this. In addition, several nearby towns, including Garrett Park, are drafting letters in opposition. You may recall that the Town passed an ordinance related to these towers back in January. The final action item was a resolution to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the county concerning debris management in cases of emergency. The approved resolution allows Town Manager Fox to use county resources for collection, removal and processing of debris associated with a Declaration of Emergency.

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Town updates started out with progress on the safe routes to schools (aka sidewalks). The process is moving along quickly. The first steps will be staging of equipment and materials ("mobilization") followed by stake placement. The current plan starts work on Oxford Street, moves onto Clermont and the storm water outflow in Porcupine Woods, and ends on Kenilworth. The project was originally budgeted to take 150 days, but the current estimate is significantly longer (238 days). SHA may require a change order to reflect this, but some councilmembers questioned whether this was better handled through existing *force majeure* provisions of the contract. Essentially, requests for extensions could be made as-needed in response to weather. There was a brief discussion of complications that could result from starting this project in the winter. Councilmember Simons presented an update on the town communications plan. The committee, led by Dan DeVise, is working on improving the town directory and increasing participation from the town in the residents portal.

Councilmember Wegner talked about the storm water issues on Rokeby; specifically, a downstream junction box that can't handle the volume of water. The results of the walk through are being written up to be presented to the county. Regarding the warning light for the crosswalk near the hill on Knowles, Senator Waldstreicher recommends getting the whole district 18 delegation involved; dates for doing this were proposed. Councilmember Schulp stated that enforcement of parking and traffic restrictions in town will begin around the first of the year, keep an eye out for details. The final update was from the archives. There are 116 separate collections and the archivist is working on putting together "finding aids" to make the collections more accessible. Proceeds from the Richter house tour were donated to the archives and will be used to transcribe a number of audio recordings. The meeting ended with a report from the town manager, including town IT upgrades, a pending request for CSX to reimburse for storm damages and the replacement of light poles on Knowles.

Sean Conlan, Able *Bugle* Reporter Stand-in

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Town Manager’s Notes

Holiday Gifts. If you would like to contribute a holiday gift to the crew members who take away our trash, recycling, and yard waste, please mail your check to the Town of Garrett Park, PO Box 84, or drop it off at the Town Office. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Garrett Park with “Holiday Fund” written as the memo. The Town will send each contributor an acknowledgement and will see that the funds are properly distributed. The Town Office will collect contributions through mid-January.

Important Dates

- December 9 – Town Council Meeting
- December 25 – The Town Office will be closed for Christmas
- January 4 – Large Item pick-up
- January 6 – (Rescheduled from December 16)
The District 18 delegates will hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Garrett Park Town Hall from 7-9 pm. All residents are invited to attend, meet the delegates, and enjoy light refreshments.

Regular Reminders:

Communication. Please sign up for the resident’s portal, as it provides the Town Office with one more way to reach you. Register at www.garrettparkmd.gov/residents-portal New to town? Contact the Town Office at 301-933-7488 or stop by the 3rd floor at Penn Place. We’ll get you acquainted with what you need to know about living in Garrett Park.

Permits. A Garrett Park building permit is required when a new structure is to be built including houses, additions, sheds, garages, decks, porches, and driveways. This is in addition to the required Montgomery County permit. Complete your Garrett Park permit application and submit along with your plat and drawings to the Town Office before requesting a County permit. Permit applications and payment can be completed online at www.garrettparkmd.gov/government/operations/permits

Yard Waste & Leaves. Yard waste is collected on the first Monday of each month now through February. Leaves are collected weekly, as early in the week as possible. Place leaves in rows streetside of the curb, and remove sticks, rocks, trash, and other debris that can damage the machinery. Shredded leaves or grass clippings should be bagged and put out for the regular yard waste collection on Mondays. Rain or inclement weather will delay leaf collection. Parents, please discourage your children from playing in leaves along the curb.

As always, please reach out to the Town Office with any questions or concerns, 301-933-7488 or managerandrea@garrettparkmd.gov.

Andrea Fox, Town Manager

Citizens Association Notes

Happy holidays from the GP Citizens Association! We hope you all had a wonderful and delicious Thanksgiving, and we wish you much joy and happiness throughout the rest of the year. Spooky Woods was our last event of 2019 (many thanks again to our amazing volunteers!), and we'll kick off the CA activities again next year with the town dinner on January 25— all ages will be welcome. We also hope to bring back the much-loved wine tasting event (adults only) in early 2020— likely February or March. Until then, may your days be merry and bright!

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From the Archives

Next time you're stuck in traffic, complaining about how slow it's moving, think about this fun find from the Town Archives. In August 1909, town resident, L.S. Bacon, an attorney who lived at 10909 Kenilworth, wrote to the Mayor of Garrett Park, John W. Stone, Esq.:

“My dear Dr. Stone:

I have noticed the notice displayed at the station relative to the speed permitted for automobiles in the Park. I was quite surprised to observe that the limit suggested by the Counsel was that of six miles per hour, or one mile in ten minutes. This is a very low speed which I think you would appreciate were you driving an automobile and is less that required in the District of Columbia by one-half, the speed limit here being twelve miles per hour or one mile in five minutes.

While I am always desirous of conducting myself in a manner which will be beyond criticism and have repeatedly instructed my driver to go with the utmost care and caution through the villiage [sic], there are certain places, as for instance, in going up a hill, where accelerated speed is necessary. I am sorry that you did not give me an opportunity to explain the situation before passing the so-called ordinance especially in view of the fact that I feel I am justified in thinking that the ordinance was passed in view of my having brought a machine into the Park and therefore more usually seen on the streets than outsiders.”

Mr. Bacon then challenges the ordinance on the grounds that it was inconsistent with State law and, therefore, violated the town charter.

According to the Ordinance, passed on August 4, 1909, “... it shall be unlawful for any vehicle, including automobiles, bicycles, and others propelled by mechanical power, to move on any of the streets, avenues, or other public thoroughfares within the corporate limits ... at a speed exceeding six (6) miles per hour.” Anyone violating this ordinance shall “be punished by a fine of not less than ten (10) dollars, or imprisonment in the jail of Montgomery County for a period of not more than thirty days, or both ...” The rule did not change until 1917, when the speed limit was increased to 12 miles per hour.

If you love this kind of stuff as much as I do, come by the Town Archives to view Mr. Bacon’s original letter and the Town Council Meeting Minutes and Ordinance.

And, with the holiday season upon us, be sure to drive safely!
Claire McDonald, Town Archivist

GIVES

News from GIVES

The new year brings new leadership to GIVES. After ten gratifying years as co-presidents (during which time \$45,780 was raised by GIVES!), Rana Koll-Mandel and Nancy Walz are thrilled to have found the perfect pair to take over -- Molly Shuck and Natalie Grande. Both have been long-time GIVES volunteers and are ready to step up beginning in January 2020. Jenny Krivanek will stay on as treasurer to smooth the transition.

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The Warm Coat Collection will run from December 1-14 at the GP Post Office. We'll have a cardboard box in the lobby and can accept new or gently used coats only, preferably for adults. The final collection day will be December 14 from 9 am to noon. The Soup Supper raised \$1197.54, best ever! Thank you to everyone who shared delicious soup and bread and gave generously to Thrive D.C. and Stepping Stones Shelter.

This Bugle article, from May 1975, explains how the first Soup Supper in Garrett Park inspired families to eat meatless once a week and donate the savings to GIVES:

"Ever since the Soup Supper, the opening event of the GIVES program, many Garrett Park families have been quietly eating a simple, meatless meal once a week. Just as one would expect in Garrett Park, we find that each participating household has its individual method of organizing and serving a meatless meal. . . For example, the McDonoughs and Humans, neighbors on Waverly Avenue, are cooperating to make the soup and bread evening easier and more interesting. Each family is responsible for a bread or soup alternately and delivers it to the other's kitchen door on the chosen evening. . . Serving soup does save cents! Two hundred and forty-five dollars from the April collection was sent to the American Friends Service Committee." - submitted by Martha Siegel

Thinking about a year-end donation? Please remember GIVES Gift Donation Cards will be available on Sat Dec 14th at the P.O., or by mail anytime of the year. Send your donation check to GIVES, PO Box 331, GP, MD 20896, and we'll mail one back to you.

Toiletry collection continues -- drop off anytime on Molly Shuck's front porch, 11011 Kenilworth Ave.

Town Resident Contributions

Letter from Councilmember Gerilee Bennett

Dear Neighbors,

I am writing to introduce myself as your new Town Council representative. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve out the remaining term left open after Jane McClintock resigned her position six months early. Jane accomplished so much in her three and a half years on the Council to update the Town's ordinances and support the Arboretum Committee and Safe Routes to School project. I am grateful for her service and sacrifice to make Garrett Park even more wonderful as a home town. I volunteered to serve on the Council because I love Garrett Park and I want the best for our Town and residents. My husband Art and I have lived on Keswick Street since 1996. We've been fortunate that our three children have benefited from excellent educational experiences at the Garrett Park Nursery

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School and Garrett Park Elementary School, both a short walk from home.

I've been an active volunteer at both the Nursery School and at the Elementary School, for the Garrett Park Community Fund, and previously as Chair of the Town Parks and Open Space Committee. In my professional life, I have experience managing large budgets, contracts, grant programs, and planning projects. I can think of no better place to put my skills and experience to work than for the benefit of such a wonderful community. I value transparency and open communication and I will be an advocate for those values with the Council.

Initially, I will serve as the Arboretum Committee representative among other general responsibilities. If you would like to share ideas or concerns about issues or projects in Town, please feel free to reach out to me via email at councilgerilee@garrettparkmd.gov.

Sincerely,
Gerilee Bennett

What We're Cooking

Easy Jerk Chicken

Looking for an easy protein recipe? This is simple and (though a smidge spicy) was tested with a 2 and 5 year old and both liked it!

1.5 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs
2 tsp chopped fresh thyme
2 tsp garlic powder
1 ¼ tsp ground allspice
¾ tsp cayenne pepper
¼ tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp salt

Heat a grill pan over medium-high heat. Coat with cooking spray/oil. Mix thyme, garlic powder, allspice, cayenne, cinnamon, and salt in a medium bowl. Add chicken and toss to coat. Grill the chicken, turning once, until thickest part registers 165, about 12 minutes total.

Submitted by Nikki Forry

Garrett Park's Washington Senator

Kid Elberfeld, called "... the dirtiest, scrappiest, most pestiferous, most rantankerous, most rambunctious ball player that ever stood on spikes for his vicious arguments on the diamond..." (Simpkins, 2006), lived at 10701 Keswick street with his wife and six children from 1910 to 1913 while playing for the Washington Senators. When Elberfeld kept his volatile temper in check, he was also an "ideal infielder—full of ginger." Called by George Stallings, one of the two best shortstops in baseball, his throwing arm was "cyclonic" and though only 5'7, 158 pounds he was fearless in turning the double play and still ranks 13th on getting hit by pitches. He

also played second and third base and was a good hitter. In all he played 14 years professional baseball for the Philadelphia Phillies, Cincinnati Reds, Detroit Tigers, New York Highlanders, Washington Senators and Brooklyn Robins. Including managing, he remained active in major and minor league baseball for 30 years.

After living in Garrett Park, the Eberfeld family purchased an apple orchard near Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they built a house and Elberfeld lived until his death in 1944. His five daughters formed a basketball team that played as ‘the Elberfeld Girls’ and appeared on programs all over the south for several years. He evidently consulted with his wife while managing teams as to his game lineups and strategies. His presence created quite a stir in Garrett Park, especially among the youth. His teammate Walter Johnson lived over on Old Georgetown Road near Cedar Lane. Both homes were way out in the country.

The house on Keswick was sold to Vale and Emma Truitt who lived there for 33 years. The house and surrounding property were removed from Garrett Park to avoid paying taxes on platted property. In 1946 the house was purchased by Alexander and Virginia Richter, a professor of architecture at Howard University. He replatted the lots and developed them with houses he designed. The houses across Keswick, east on Oxford and along Weymouth are all part of Richterville. (subject of the MidCentury Modern house tour of last fall). The Richters sold the house in 1947 to Gregory and Harriet Hartman, a physicist and mathematician, director of White Oak Naval Ordnance Laboratory and his wife was a cryptologist. Charlie and I purchased the house in 1998 from the Hartmann estate and moved in with our 6 children. Thanks to our friend Nancy Schwartz, recently deceased, for giving us notes on our home and its inhabitants when we moved in.

So yes, there was a connection with Garrett Park and the Washington Senators and through them to the Washington Nationals!

Submitted by Elin Quigley, 10701 Keswick St

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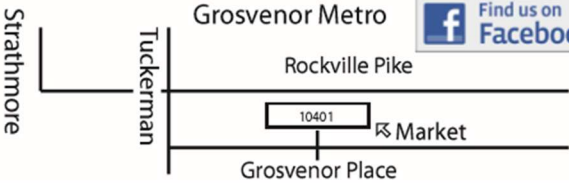
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Letter from the Mayor

Get ready. Get set...

I want to say “Go!” I was hoping to say “Go!” But no, not yet. Not until the middle of December if we’re lucky. I’m referring to the SRTS sidewalk project. A month ago, I thought we were really close to starting, but as you may have read in my last GPML email, there are many forms to fill out and submit to SHA engineers before we can start.

So, while we wait on Patriot to get their subcontractors and submittals in order, the Town Office and Town Council are busy on other fronts. We are working with a great group of volunteers who comprise the Stormwater Task Force. Led by resident, Chuck Berry, the task force has met several times with neighbors at the north end of Rokeby as well as on Clermont to discuss remedies to mitigate the flooding problems that have been continuing for many years now. Next steps will be to run these recommendations by the Town engineer, get cost estimates, and then bid out the work. The volunteer members of the Communications Advisory Committee have submitted a list of recommendations which Dan deVise (Chair of the committee), Councilmember Dan Simon and I have been reviewing. We all agree that the Town would benefit by allowing for a more user-friendly and accessible Town forum that efficiently links emails between the Town’s resident portal on the Town website, the forum, and the Town GPML. Dan dV. will be working with the committee to see how we can get this set up. Also happening is the delegated authority from our County Executive to allow us to enforce parking violations. Councilmember Phil Schulp will be convening the Traffic and Parking Committee volunteers to draft implementation guidelines, including the use of an issuing officer to write-up the citations.

As we push forward on the SRTS and these other projects, it should come as no surprise that the Town staff are stretched to their limits. I am thankful for their hard work and dedication. I am also thankful to all the volunteers and committee members who give of their time and creativity on Town events and projects. You all help to make this Town a great community and a one-of-a-kind place to live.

It is certainly a time to be thankful. Wishing you all a happy and bountiful thanksgiving.

Mayor Kacky